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# Interstate 10 Construction Update No closures or restrictions over Labor Day weekend

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#### **Upcoming Restrictions**

Drivers who plan to head out on the state's highways over the Labor Day holiday weekend will get a break from improvement related closures. No construction closures are scheduled by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) on Phoenix area freeways or other highways across the state through the Monday holiday.

This week, construction progress will continue with scheduled restrictions as part of the Interstate 10 Improvement Project. Dysart Road underneath I-10 will open early Friday morning for the Labor Day holiday weekend. After the holiday, Dysart Road will be closed Tuesday through Thursday as east-bound work bridge work continues. Construction crews will continue work at this interchange to accommodate future lanes within the median of I-10.

#### **Project Information**

The I-10 Improvement Project will provide additional lanes between Verrado Way and Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway). The freeway expansion includes widening the existing median and adding outside lanes to improve east/west traffic flow in the West Valley.

This project is one of the first elements of the *Regional Transportation Plan* and is funded through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new transportation options in Maricopa County through 2025. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at <a href="https://www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways">www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways</a>.

ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions. As with any complex construction project, there is a possibility that severe weather or other unforeseen difficulties may cause unsafe working conditions resulting in unscheduled closures or restrictions. Please visit the ADOT <a href="Web site">Web site</a> for the most current information about planned and ongoing I-10 restrictions.

Here's an overview of scheduled restrictions on Interstate 10 in the West Valley:

## **Dysart Road**

Tuesday, Sept. 2 - Thursday, Sept. 4

1 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Dysart Road underneath I-10 will be closed next week Tuesday through Thursday for east-bound bridge work. On- and off-ramps and business access will remain open. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 interchanges. View Map

# Litchfield Road

Thursday, Sept. 4 - Friday, Sept. 5

9 p.m. – 4 a.m.

Litchfield Road underneath I-10 will be closed overnight Thursday night for bridge work. Onand off-ramps and business access will remain open. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 interchanges. <u>View Map</u>

# 107th Avenue

Thursday, Sept. 4 - Monday, Sept. 8

1 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Northbound lanes on 107th Avenue underneath I-10 will be closed Thursday, Sept. 4 to Monday, Sept. 8. A single southbound lane will remain open to traffic. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 interchanges. On- and off-ramps and business access will remain open during the closure and restriction. View Map

### Work Zone Safety

Safety is a vital part of the ongoing construction process. It is important to plan ahead for restrictions and to slow down in the work zone. Drivers and pedestrians are responsible for staying alert and obeying traffic laws; including signage, traffic barricades and flaggers

within construction work zones. Most importantly: *slow down in the work zones*. The speed limit on I-10 has been reduced to 55 mph in work zones for the project duration. The reduced speed limits are intended to protect drivers, passengers and workers in the work zone. Please click <u>here</u> for additional safety tips.

An audio podcast outlining this week's I-10 Traffic Alert can be downloaded from the ADOT Web site.

- For general information about I-10 improvements, contact the I-10 project hotline at 602.288.9919 or ADOT@policydevelopmentgroup.com.
- For information on construction activities, contact Lars Jacoby at 602.712.7176 or LJacoby@azdot.gov.
- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at <a href="https://www.az511.gov">www.az511.gov</a> or call 5-1-1

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